

Town of Magnolia

Mayor James Frazier

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Mayor James Frazier called the February 10th, 2014 meeting of the Magnolia Town Council to order at 6:00 pm. Councilpersons Michael Cohill, Bud Faircloth, Barry Fillman and Scott Fowler were present. Diane Cahall, Rebecca Campbell, Ralph Satterfield and William Walker were also present.

The agenda for the February meeting was accepted with two additions from Mayor Frazier: Town clean-up activities and water/tax rates for 2014. Michael Cohill made a motion to accept the agenda; 2nd by Barry Fillman — Motion carried.

Mayor Frazier asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting. Mike Cohill made a motion to accept the minutes; 2nd by Barry Fillman - Motion carried.

Mayor Frazier requested a motion to approve the treasurer's report and pay the bills. Barry Fillman made the motion to approve the report and pay the bills; 2nd by Mike Cohill. Two additional bills for Wright Contracting (snow removal) and W. Locco (water line locator) will be arriving this week and council approved to pay both bills.

Scott Fowler presented the following water report: The town used 2,050,000 gallons of water during January 2014. Pump 2: 1,041,000 gallons. Pump 3: 1,009,000 gallons. Well levels: 31', 26' and 31'. Pump 2 ran 59.9 hours; Pump 3 ran 59.9 hours. Average chlorine is .24. The monthly water usage is very high - possibly due to residents running their faucets so the pipes will not freeze. One water line broke at the trailer park office. A new valve was put in. W. Locco came to locate pipes (Ralph Satterfield met with them). Aztech is scheduled for next Wednesday February 12th to install another curb stop at the last lot on West Walnut before the trailer park. There is small problem with the last valves that were installed; they will dig up and repair. The water should only be off for 20 minutes (weather permitting).

Ralph Satterfield presented the following report: Since 01/13/14: 101/14 Flushed all hydrants; W. Walnut remains clearer than normal (maybe leak in trailer park is keeping it clean). 1/ 21: Request for water shut off to repair broken pipe at Magnolia trailer park office. As of this date we have not been able to find a shut off. Researched old drawings, had Wayne (locators) and talked to several old timers with no luck. Scott to contact Aztech to dig. 1/22, 1/24, 1/ 26, 2/10: Cleared snow and salted our sidewalk as needed.

Mayor Frazier opened the nominations for officers:

Barry Fillman nominated James Frazier for Mayor; 2nd by Michael Cohill; motion carried.

Bud Faircloth nominated Barry Fillman for Vice Mayor; 2nd by Michael Cohill; motion carried.

James Frazier made a motion to appoint Diane Cahall as Secretary/Treasurer; Mike Cohill seconded; motion carried.

James Frazier made a motion to appoint Scott Fowler as Water Commissioner with assistants Ed Marvel and Ralph Satterfield. Barry Fillman seconded the motion; motion carried.

Mayor Frazier opened the floor to Shirley Zec: She questioned why the sidewalks were not cleared after recent snow storms. Rebecca Campbell noted "if someone gets hurt on your sidewalk, you are responsible". The homeowner is responsible. Council also discussed the continuing problem with dog waste - Thorne Street (house on corner); West Walnut Street also has a major problem with residents not picking up after their pets.

Ms. Campbell will be setting up a Magnolia Clean Up effort; every other month starting in March 2014. She is in the Navy Reserve and has 7 guys who will volunteer and a church group to also help. Their goal is to beautify Main Street, sweeping streets, sidewalks and curbs, removing cigarette butts from Post Office bus stop, raking yards toward the house, cleaning up storm drains, painting curbs where necessary. She is looking forward to 20-30 people assisting with this effort on Saturday from 9 am – 1 pm. Councilman Fillman is working with Levy Court Commissioner Eric Buckson to obtain a \$400 grant to assist with the cleanup. Mayor Frazier requested a motion stating that Rebecca Campbell has taken it upon herself to head up and engage resources to clean up the town — sidewalks — 5' in front of each house, Main Street plus 1/2 block up Walnut Street. The town will purchase curb paint. Mayor Frazier donated the use of a 20 yard roll off unit, located on his parents' farm, including dump fee. Mike Cohill made the above motion; 2nd by Barry Fillman — Motion carried. Council thanked Rebecca for her concerns and interest in beautifying the town.

Mayor's Updates:

- * Mayor Frazier advised council that the Lindale House does have to be sold by Shirley Jarrell's family to accommodate Ms. Jarrell's future.

- * Mayor Frazier created a Personnel Policy and Sexual Abuse Policy for our Insurance policy. The policies were adopted by resolution. The resolution was read to council; Councilman Mike Cohill made a motion to accept, sign and submit the resolution. The resolution was passed around for all signatures and will be submitted as soon as Councilman Faircloth signs it. Mayor Frazier will submit signed resolution to DTIS.

- * Magnolia Fire Company Paving Project: Mayor Frazier spoke with Earle Dempsey (Fire Company President) and additional specs should be available by the end of this week. The Invitation to Bid will be posted on the website and sent to all guests at the pre-bid meeting.

- * Diane will run reports on water income and water expenses during the last fiscal year and council will vote on water rates and tax rates at the March 2014 meeting.

- * The Comprehensive Plan Committee met last Monday, February 3rd. The committee unanimously voted in favor of updating only the Council info and dates in the 2009 plan. Mayor Frazier will create a resolution to this effect and send it to the State Planning Office. The town's comprehensive plan will have to be completely redone in 2018/2019. We will contact the University of Delaware, IPA to request assistance with the plan in the spring of 2017.

- * The Dover Post contacted Mayor Frazier and conducted a 40 minute interview on Magnolia; they are preparing a special Visions section to be published in the future.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 pm was made by Michael Cohill and 2nd by Scott Fowler. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane P. Cahall, Secretary